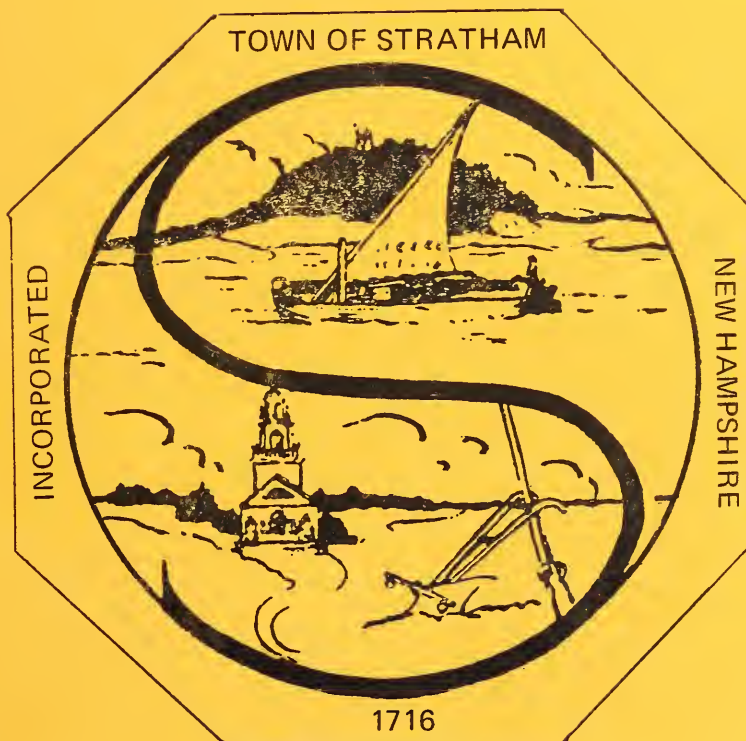


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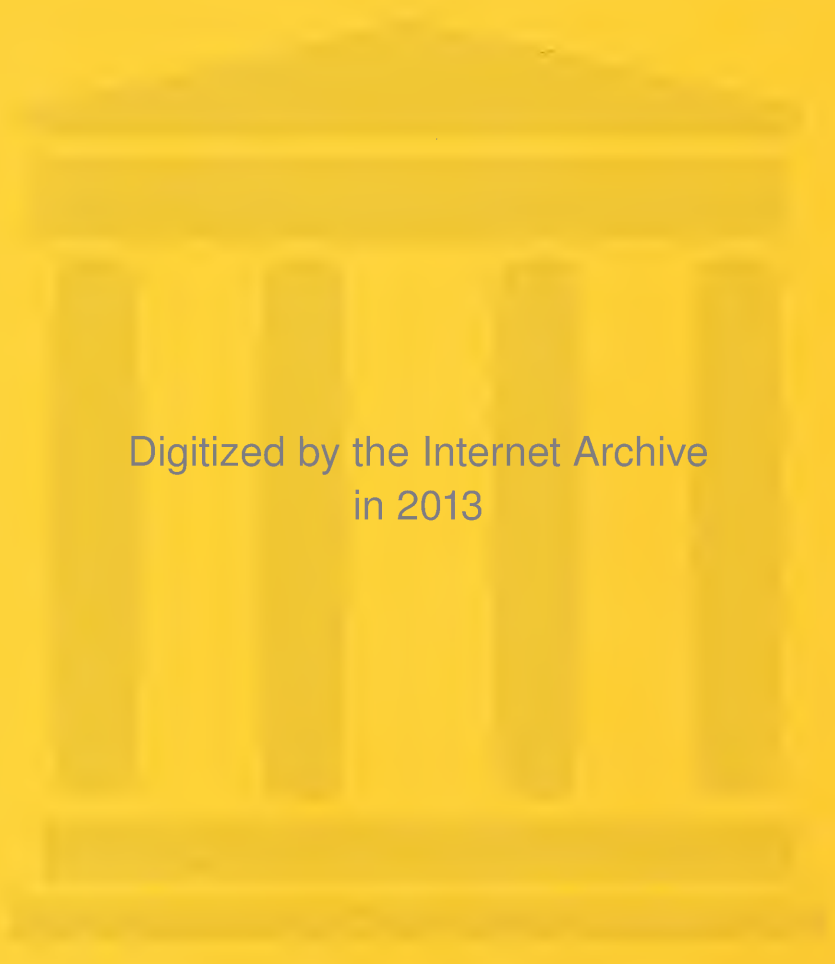
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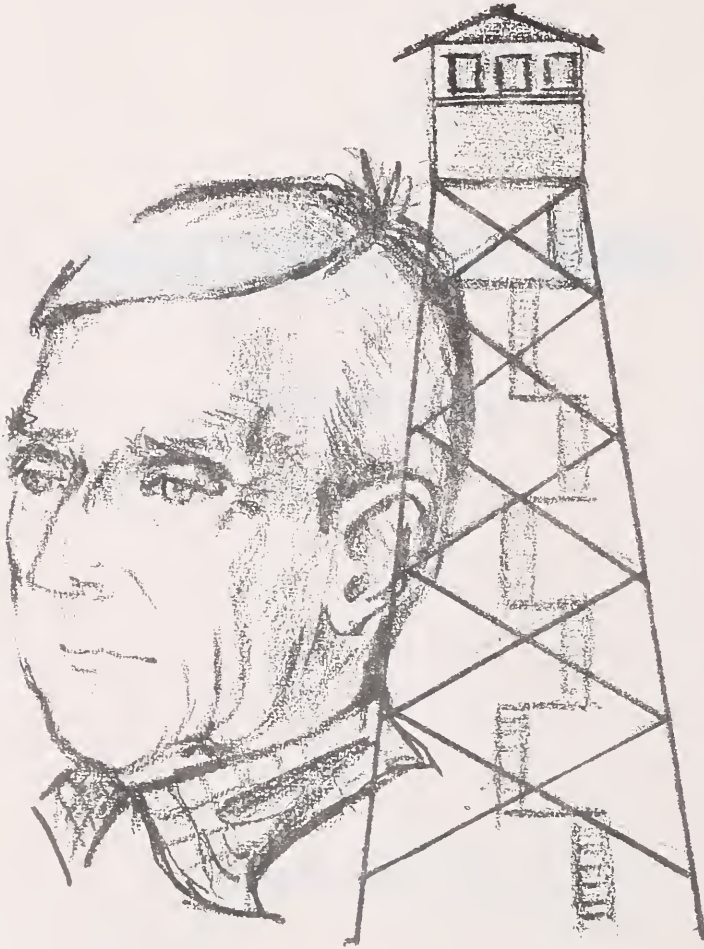
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When towns, families, States, or Nations stop living like one big family, they will fall apart or cease to function.



How wonderful it is, how pleasant, when brothers live in harmony!

Psalms: 133

*This book is dedicated to
Clayton Eastman*

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The Board of Selectmen of the Town of Stratham wish to extend their sincere appreciation to Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Jameson for the many hours spent in assigning house numbers to the residents of the town.

This effort will be of significant help to the Fire Department, Postal Department and Town Office.

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The Greater Exeter Area Group Home, Inc., Portsmouth Avenue, Stratham, New Hampshire, is a charitable corporation. It is a local solution for local problems. Many young people when faced with crisis in their home, school, or community see only two alternatives; being sent to the New Hampshire Youth Development Center in Manchester or running away. A group of concerned local citizens, parents and professionals feel that the problems of youth can best be solved within and by the community in which those problems arise.

The Greater Exeter Area Group Home is a supervised, group-living home for pre-delinquent youngsters between the ages of 13 and 17. It will provide for a maximum of 90 consecutive days in a warm, neutral, home-like atmosphere during which solutions to a youngster's problems can be worked out with as little disruption as possible to the rest of his life. He or she will continue uninterrupted in school and community activities. This is a much more hopeful approach in teaching a young person how to live productively within his community than sending him away to a sterile institution.

The Group Home is not a replacement for the Youth Development Center, nor will it duplicate its services. It will, however, provide an alternative for the pre-delinquent, non-criminal youngster such as a runaway who would formerly be incarcerated with the hardened delinquent such as a car thief or drug pusher. Youngsters and their parents from Exeter, Stratham, Kensington, Brentwood, East Kingston, Newfields and Fremont

will receive appropriate services from community agencies under the guidance of local professionals.

Our neighbor's and indeed perhaps our own children deserve a better chance. The Group Home is a community trying to solve its own problems and needs the support of everyone to succeed. You can make an investment in your children and help make the Home more comfortable by donating furnishings and household articles.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

The Board of Selectmen is very happy to dedicate this years town report to our good friend, Clayton Eastman. We know he will do an excellent job of keeping Stratham Hill Park in good condition for all who visit to enjoy.

We feel that in this past year the Board has taken great steps forward in trying to keep our town on a good sound basis by having our road agent work a full forty hour week for the town.

The purchase of the truck, loader and mowing equipment has proved very valuable in helping to keep our park, cemeteries, fire house, library and school grounds in much better condition. Our records show that the following hours were spent at each location: Stratham Hill Park 196 hours; cemeteries 96 hours; fire house and library 24 hours; school 30 hours. However, we do feel that this is only the first step and in order that this Board and future Boards have the authority they need for better control of these town lands and highways we feel that the position of road agent should be known as the Public Works Department and the man in charge should be appointed. Thus, you will find an article in the town warrant to have the agent appointed beginning in March of 1975.

This past summer and fall Mr. George Brown has spent many hours for the Selectmen and the Planning Board with the two developments in town making sure that the new roads were built according to town specifications and has saved the town many thousands of dollars in future upkeep of these roads. He has also helped with driveways as to their construction and design to ensure the proper drainage. This again should prove to be very valuable in our future maintenance costs.

We realize that the Police Department has grown very fast and to many this seems to be unnecessary. However, with the changing times we feel we must make some changes within our

town and are trying to work with the Police Chief to give the citizens of Stratham the protection they need in the most economical way. We hope you will bear with us while we work out the best possible solutions.

John A. Hutton, Jr.
Richard G. Scamman
Elizabeth J. Corbin

TOWN OFFICERS

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

John A. Hutton, Jr.

Richard G. Scamman

Elizabeth J. Corbin

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Ruth Nelson

Lucy Smith

Lucy Bume

TREASURER

Kenneth Lanzillo

TOWN CLERK—TAX COLLECTOR

Joyce A. Rowe

POLICE DEPARTMENT

David Gilbert, Chief

Robert Berry

Richard Schultz

Richard Scamman

Stephen Horton

Lee Oliver

Charles Hartson, Dog Officer

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Miriam Wiggan

George Brown

Frederick Ordway

MODERATOR

W. Douglas Scamman

SUPERVISORS OF CHECKLIST

Sally Wentworth

Stella Scamman

Josephine Scamman

REPRESENTATIVE TO GENERAL COURT

W. Douglas Scamman, Jr.

FIRE CHIEF

Fred A. Hutton

BOARD OF HEALTH

Dr. Henry Saltonstall

PLANNING BOARD

Christopher T. Rowe, Chairman

Nelson Barker

Richard Scamman

Francis Frasier

Lee Oliver

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Rodney Sanderson, Chairman

Lawrence Dowling

James Stuart

Annette Carter

Richard Gallant

AUDITORS

Richard Paul

Arthur Weeks

HIGHWAY AGENT

D. Cameron Sewall

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Charles B. Nelson

MINUTES OF TOWN MEETING
MARCH 6, 1973

ARTICLE I

Results of balloting, an * denotes elected officer.

Selectman for Three Years: *Betty Corbin 264, James Scamman 236.

Highway Agent for One Year: *Ferdinand Ekelund, 265, Robert T. Wiggin, Jr. 235.

Auditors for One Year — Two: *Richard Paul 387, *Arthur Weeks 338.

Library Trustee for Three Years: *Lucy B. Bume, 290, Edith M. Spurr 181.

Trustee of Trust Funds for Three Years: Lucien C. Burleaud 178, *Fred Ordway 294.

ARTICLE II

Yes 208 No 154

ARTICLE III

Yes 359 No 118

ARTICLE IV

Yes 288 No. 152

ARTICLE V

Yes 400 No 76

ARTICLE VI

Yes 280 No 138

ARTICLES VII, VIII, and IX

Disqualified and therefore not counted.

ARTICLE X

Yes 155 No 324

The following are the results of Town Meeting, March 9, 1973.

The meeting was called to order by the moderator, W. D. Scamman. A prayer was given by Rev. Walter Thyng. The moderator read the results of the town and school ballots. The warrant was read in it's entirety by the moderator.

ARTICLE XI - Town Budget

The motion was made to accept the budget by James Scamman, chair seconded the motion. Robert Wiggin questioned the highway budget. Mr. Wiggin offered an amendment to cut highway budget to \$26,000.00 making the total budget \$88,853.91. Robert Newcomb seconded.

Charles Nelson explained new highways being built and many new homes being constructed increasing demand on highway department. Vote on amendment negative.

Arthur Mantell made motion to amend highway budget from \$43,500.00 to \$33,000.00. Glennis Mantell seconded motion.

James Scamman explained revenue sharing and how use determines how much you receive later. Also, that selectmen are directly responsible for use of funds. Edward Copithorne explained point of budget committee and conclusion.

Chris Rowe moved question on amendment. Vote on amendment negative.

Thomas Nelson made motion to act on Article XI after Article XIV. Donald Wiggin seconded. Negative vote.

Carleton Eldredge made a motion to increase town Officers' salaries by \$1,200.00. The increase going to selectmen's salaries. Chris Rowe seconded. Results of vote: Yes 90 No 46.

Fred Hutton, Sr. made motion to raise Fire Department budget by \$250.00 for insurance for firemen paid to State. Donald Scamman seconded. Affirmative vote.

Robert Goodrich made motion to change fire department budget to \$4,000.00. Carolyn Day seconded motion. Vote in the negative.

The motion to accept the total budget of \$107,803.91, with the county tax subject to change was so moved.

ARTICLE XII – \$7,000.00 for Dump Truck – Revenue Sharing Article

Richard Scamman made motion to accept article as read. James Scamman seconded. Vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE XIII – \$16,000.00 for John Deere Front End Loader – Revenue Sharing Article

John Hutton made motion to accept article as read. Richard Scamman seconded. Vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE XIV – \$2,000.00 for Riding Tractor Mower

James Scamman moved motion, Richard Scamman seconded motion. Donald Moran made motion to amend the amount to \$1,600.00. William Jeralds seconded motion. No vote on the amendment. Results of motion by Mr. Scamman: Yes 86 No 39

ARTICLE XV – Additional land at Park

Richard Scamman made motion to accept article as read. George Batchelder seconded. W. D. Scamman, Jr. amended to leave out “and dedicate the said Noyes lot to the same uses as the Park”. Charles W. Scamman seconded. Charles Nelson explained the wording of the Park deed to incorporate surrounding towns. Yes vote on the amendment. An affirmative vote on article.

ARTICLE XVI – \$9,000.00 for Highway Department – Revenue Sharing Article

James Scamman moved motion. John Hutton seconded motion. Affirmative vote.

ARTICLE XVII – Tax Map

James Scamman made motion to accept article as read. Richard Scamman seconded motion. Edwin Baker made motion to table article until next year and to use revenue sharing funds. Edward Copithorne seconded. Negative vote on amendment. Results of vote on article: Yes 113 No 17

ARTICLE XVIII – Town Seal

John Hutton moved motion, James Scamman seconded motion. Grame Mann made motion to table article for one year, Frederick Gowen seconded on amendment. Negative vote on amendment. An affirmative vote on article.

ARTICLE XIX – Regulate town lands or premises

Richard Scamman made motion to accept article as read. John Hutton seconded motion. Edwin Baker explained committee feeling. A vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE XX – 1% discount on taxes

Richard Scamman made motion, Michael Latvis seconded. Vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE XXI – Borrow money in Anticipation of Taxes

John Hutton made motion, James Scamman seconded motion. Vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE XXII – Any Other Business

Fred Hutton made motion to give James Scamman standing applause.

Kenneth Lanzillo reported on money put into savings accounts. Monies earned \$900.00 to date and hopefully will earn up to \$1,200.00.

A report was given from recreation commission.

Robert Wiggin made motion to re-new dump committee for one more year, chair seconded. Vote in the affirmative.

Carleton Eldredge made motion to adjourn at 10:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Joyce A. Rowe, Town Clerk

/s/ James I. Scamman
/s/ John A. Hutton, Jr.
/s/ Richard G. Scamman
Selectmen of Stratham

TOWN WARRANT 1974

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Stratham in the County of Rockingham in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at Lower Town Hall in said Stratham on Tuesday, the Fifth day of March, next at ten of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
2. Are you in favor of the adoption of the amendment to the zoning ordinance as proposed by petition of William Robinson and thrity-two voters for this town?

Residential – Agricultural Distriot

A. Land Requirements

As it now reads:

- 1: Frontage. Every building lot shall have a minimum frontage of 150 feet provided that where lots are located on the exterior of a curving street, a shorter front dimension shall be permitted provided the average width of the lot measured across its center shall be 150 feet.
3. Side and Back Yard. A building shall not be located nearer than twenty feet of the property lines of any abutter nor nearer than forty feet from any structure on an abutter's property.
4. Minimum Land Area. A lot shall not be less than 1 acre.

Proposed

1. Frontage. Every building lot shall have a minimum frontage of 200 feet provided that where lots are located on the exterior of a curving street, a shorter front dimension shall be permitted provided the average width of the lot measured across its center shall be 200 feet.
3. Side and Back Yard. A building shall not be located nearer

than 40 feet of the property lines of any abutter nor nearer than 80 feet from any structure on an abutter's property.

4. Minimum Land Area. A lot shall not be less than 2 acres.

The Planning Board does not recommend approval of this article.

3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to appoint a full time Highway Agent whose duties shall be defined in RSA 245:6 and 7.

4. Do you approve of the construction of an oil refinery in the seacoast area, provided that all state and federal air pollution control and environmental standards are met?

Articles 1 through 4 will be on the ballot to be voted on March 5, 1974 from 10 A.M. to 7 P.M. in the Lower Town Hall.

The following articles will be voted on at Town Meeting, Upper Town Hall, Friday, March 8, 1974 at 8 P.M.

5. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.

6. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate three thousand three hundred dollars (\$3,300.00) for a chain link fence for Maple Lane Cemetery and authorize the withdrawal of the amount required for this purpose from the Revenue Sharing Fund established under the provisions of the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972.

7. To see if the town will vote to adopt a plan for extending to employees of the town the benefits of Title II of the Federal Social Security Act (Old Age, Survivors, Disability and Health Insurance) as authorized by Chapter 101 of the Revised Statutes Annotated amended by Chapter 302 and 332 of the Laws of 1955 and to raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand two hundred dollars (\$2,200.00), to defray the town's share of the cost thereof.

8. To see if the town wishes to exclude from the plan services in any class or classes of positions filled by popular election.

9. If a plan for Social Security coverage is adopted, to see if the town will authorize the selectmen to execute on behalf of the town the necessary agreement with the State of New Hampshire to carry into effect the plan and to see if the town will designate the Town Treasurer as the officer to be responsible for the administration of the plan.

10. By petition of Deborah Vonderahe and twenty-four others: To raise and appropriate the sum of eight hundred dollars (\$800.00) to correct drainage at Robin Glen Road.

11. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the withdrawal from the Revenue Sharing Fund established under the provisions of the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972 for use as set-offs against budgeted appropriations for the following priority purposes and in amounts indicated or take any other action hereon:

Appropriation	Amount
Police	\$7,800.00
Highway	\$5,000.00

12. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate four thousand one hundred dollars (\$4,100.00) for a spreader and authorize the withdrawal of the amount required for this purpose from the Revenue Sharing Fund established under the provisions of the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972.

13. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00) for an addition to the highway shed and authorize the withdrawal of the amount required for this purpose from the Revenue Sharing Fund established under the provisions of the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972.

14. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500.00) for a new Highway Truck and

authorize the withdrawal of the amount required for this purpose from the Revenue Sharing Fund established under the provisions of the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972.

15. To see if the Town will vote to authorize withdrawal from the Revenue Sharing Fund established under the provisions of the State and Local Assistance Act for use as a set-off against the following debt service incurred for "priority expenditures" since January 1, 1972.

Purpose	Amount
1973 Tax Map Note	\$6,500.00

16. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate four thousand five hundred dollars (\$4,500.00) for tax maps and authorize the withdrawal of the amount required for this purpose from the Revenue Sharing Fund established under the provisions of the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972.

17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) for gas and diesel fuel storage tanks.

18. To see if the Town will vote to appoint a committee for the countrys' 200th anniversary.

19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate six thousand dollars (\$6,000.00) for grading and paving of the Town Hall yard.

20. To see if the Town will vote to allow a 1% discount on such property taxes as are paid in full within 30 days from the day the Tax Warrant is committed to the Tax Collector, the date to be printed on the tax bill.

21. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

22. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this 12th day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and seventy-four.

John A. Hutton, Jr.
Richard G. Scamman
Elizabeth J. Corbin
Selectmen of Stratham

A true copy of Warrant - Attest:

John A. Hutton, Jr.
Richard G. Scamman
Elizabeth J. Corbin
Selectmen of Stratham

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF
STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

SECTION I

PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION

	Appropriations Previous Fiscal Year	Actual Expenditures Previous Fiscal Year	Appropriations Ensuing Fiscal Year (1974-75)
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:			
Town Officers' Salaries	9,765.00	9,054.50	13,000.00
Town Officers' Expenses	3,000.00	3,857.52	4,000.00
Election & Reg. Exp.	150.00	193.25	500.00
Town Hall & Other			
Town Buildings	4,400.00	3,757.12	4,400.00
PROTECTION of PERSONS and PROPERTY:			
Police Dept.	6,000.00	16,990.81	22,570.00
Fire Dept.	2,450.00	5,859.49	6,900.00
Insurance	2,600.00	3,886.30	3,650.00
Planning & Zoning	2,100.00	1,983.24	2,100.00
Damages & Legal Exp.	500.00	828.20	500.00
HEALTH DEPT.:			
inc. Hospitals & Ambulance	1,830.00	1,330.00	2,330.00
Town Dump & Garbage Removal	2,500.00	2,806.18	2,500.00
HIGHWAYS & BRIDGES:			
Town Maint.-Summer & Winter	43,500.00	40,299.51	50,000.00
Street Lighting	1,100.00	1,011.38	1,100.00
Town Road Aid	306.91	306.91	306.34
LIBRARIES:	5,100.00	5,100.00	6,475.00
PUBLIC WELFARE:			
Town Poor	5,000.00	7,054.76	5,000.00
Old Age Assistance	2,000.00	2,025.01	2,000.00
PATRIOTIC PURPOSES:			
Memorial Day, etc.	150.00	120.23	150.00
RECREATION:	3,600.00	3,932.81	3,600.00
PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISES:			
Cemeteries	1,000.00	1,167.87	1,200.00
Adv. & Reg. Assoc.	1,017.00	1,058.40	1,152.00
DEBT SERVICE:			
Principal & Long Term			
Notes & Bonds	7,000.00	6,693.09	5,000.00

Interest-Long Term			
Notes & Bonds	835.00	698.75	565.00
Interest-Temporary Loans	400.00	840.00	800.00
CAPITAL OUTLAY			
Tax Maps	6,500.00	6,500.00	
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS			\$139,798.34

SECTION II SOURCES OF REVENUE

FROM STATE:

Interest & Dividends Tax	10,000.00	14,171.01	14,000.00
Savings Bank Tax	900.00	1,133.37	1,100.00
Meals & Rooms Tax	8,000.00	9,116.79	8,000.00
Highway Subsidy	7,895.24	7,895.24	7,875.10
Reimb. a/c Bus. Profits Tax	12,000.00	12,901.68	10,000.00
Law Enforcement Ass't. Act		4,103.00	2,900.00

FROM LOCAL SOURCES:

Dog Licenses	1,000.00	1,044.00	1,000.00
Bus. Lic., Permits & Filing Fees	5.00	6.00	5.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	25,000.00	28,904.17	25,000.00
Int. on Taxes & Deposits		1,180.23	1,100.00
Income from Trust Funds	1,300.00	552.98	
National Bank Stock Taxes		5.50	
Resident Taxes Retained	5,500.00	6,700.00	6,700.00
Normal Yield Taxes assessed		102.60	100.00
Rent of Town Property	300.00	936.01	500.00
Sale of Town Property		2,064.07	500.00
Income from Depts.		1,322.97	
		4,379.54	
		682.06	
Income from Municipal Utilities	100.00		100.00

FROM FEDERAL SOURCES:

Revenue Sharing	27,500.00	31,285.37	39,676.00
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TOTAL REVENUE FROM ALL SOURCES

EXCEPT PROPERTY TAXES	101,046.31	130,532.66	
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TOTAL REVENUES			\$120,598.38
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TOWN BUDGET

Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 13,000.00
Town Officers' Expenses	4,000.00
Election & Registration Expenses	500.00
Town Hall & Other Buildings	4,400.00
Police Department	22,570.00
Fire Department	6,900.00
Insurance	3,650.00
Planning & Zoning	2,100.00
Damages & Legal Expense	500.00
Visiting Nurse	2,330.00
Town Dump	2,500.00
Town Maintenance—Summer & Winter	50,000.00
Street Lighting	1,100.00
State Aid Construction—Town Share	306.34
Library	6,475.00
Old Age Assistance	2,000.00
Town Poor	5,000.00
Memorial Day	150.00
Parks & Playgrounds	3,600.00
Cemeteries	1,200.00
Advertising & Regional Assoc.	1,152.00
Principal & Long Term Notes & Bonds	5,000.00
Interest—Long Term Notes & Bonds	565.00
Interest on Temporary Loans	800.00
TOTAL TOWN BUDGET	\$139,798.34

Laurence E. Foss
 John J. Quinn
 John A. Hutton, Jr.

Richard G. Scamman
 Elizabeth J. Corbin
 Robert E. Corbin

STATEMENT OF BONDED DEBT

TOWN OF STRATHAM, N. H.

DECEMBER 31, 1973

Maturities	Tax Map Note 1973 – 4.75%	TRA Note 1971 – 3.75%	Town Hall Addition Note 1971 – 3.75%
	<u>Original Amt.</u>	<u>Original Amt.</u>	<u>Original Amt.</u>
	<u>\$6,500.00</u>	<u>\$10,000.00</u>	<u>\$15,000.00</u>
1974	\$6,500.00	\$2,000.00	\$3,000.00
1975		2,000.00	3,000.00
1976		2,000.00	3,000.00

CERTIFICATE OF AUDIT

We have audited the Accounts for 1973 of the following town officers and found them to be correct.

Selectmen

Treasurer

Town Clerk - Tax Collector

Trustees of Trust Funds

Library Trustees

Richard C. Paul
Arthur W. Weeks

Auditors
January 29, 1974

(For Current Year's Levy)
SUMMARY OF WARRANTS
PROPERTY, RESIDENT AND YIELD TAXES
LEVY OF 1973

— DR. —

Taxes Committed to Collector:

Property Taxes	\$402,368.00	
Resident Taxes	8,950.00	
National Bank Stock Taxes	<u>3.50</u>	
Total Warrants		\$411,321.50

Yield Taxes		102.60
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Added Taxes:

Property Taxes	13,480.00	
Resident Taxes	<u>120.00</u>	
		13,480.00

Interest Collected on Delinquent

Property Taxes	66.92
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Penalties Collected on Resident Taxes	<u>9.00</u>
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TOTAL DEBITS	\$425,100.02
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— CR. —

Remittances to Treasurer

Property Taxes	\$334,709.52	
Resident Taxes	6,700.00	
National Bank Stock Taxes	3.50	
Yield Taxes	102.60	
Interest Collected	66.92	
Penalties on Resident Taxes	<u>9.00</u>	
		\$341,591.54

Discounts Allowed	2,272.33
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Abatements Made During Year:

Property Taxes	3,856.70
Resident Taxes	<u>100.00</u>
	3,956.70

Uncollected Taxes - December 31, 1973:

(As Per Collector's List)

Property Taxes	75,009.45
Resident Taxes	<u>2,270.00</u>
	77,279.45

TOTAL CREDITS	\$425,100.02
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SUMMARY OF WARRANTS
PROPERTY, RESIDENT AND YIELD TAXES
LEVY OF 1972

— DR. —

Uncollected Taxes - As of January 1, 1973:

Property Taxes	\$40,856.80
Resident Taxes	1,560.00
Yield Taxes	<u>48.73</u>
	\$42,465.53

Added Taxes:

Property Taxes	150.32
Resident Taxes	<u>80.00</u>
	230.32

Interest Collected on Delinquent

Property Taxes	1,838.63
Penalties Collected on Resident Taxes	<u>124.00</u>
	1,962.63

TOTAL DEBITS	\$44,658.48
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— CR. —

Remittances to Treasurer During Fiscal Year
Ended December 31, 1973:

Property Taxes	\$41,007.12	
Resident Taxes	1,340.00	
Yield Taxes	39.85	
Interest Collected During Year	1,838.63	
Penalties on Resident Taxes	<u>124.00</u>	
		44,349.60

Abatements Made During Year:

Resident Taxes	<u>300.00</u>	
		300.00

Uncollected Taxes - December 31, 1973:
(As Per Collector's List)

Yield Taxes	<u>8.88</u>	
		<u>8.88</u>

TOTAL CREDITS		\$44,658.48
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STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS
AND
TAXES ASSESSED
FOR THE TAX YEAR 1973

Town of Stratham in Rockingham County

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

We hereby request that the tax commission compute the rate for municipal, school and county taxes separately.

Date: September 18, 1973

John A. Hutton
Richard G. Scamman
Elizabeth J. Corbin

Selectmen of Stratham

APPROPRIATIONS

Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 9,765.00
Town Officers' Expenses	3,000.00
Election & Registration Expenses	150.00
Town Hall & Other Town Buildings	4,400.00
Police Department	6,000.00
Fire Department	2,450.00
Insurance	2,600.00
Planning & Zoning	2,100.00
Damages & Legal Expenses	500.00
Health Department	1,830.00
Town Dump & Garbage Collection	2,500.00
Town Maintenance—Summer & Winter	34,500.00
Street Lighting	1,100.00
Town Road Aid	306.91
Libraries	5,100.00
Town Poor	5,000.00
Old Age Assistance	2,000.00

Patriotic Purposes	150.00
Recreation	3,600.00
Cemeteries	1,000.00
Advertising & Regional Associations	1,017.00
Payment on Debt.	
Principal \$7,000.00	
Interest \$1,235.00	8,235.00
F. I. C. A.	1,500.00
Dump Truck—Highway Dept.	7,000.00
John Deere Front End Loader	16,000.00
Tractor Mower	2,000.00
Highway Dept.	9,000.00
TOTAL TOWN APPROPRIATIONS	\$132,803.91

LESS REVENUES AND CREDITS

Interest and Dividends Tax	14,171.00
Savings Bank Tax	1,133.00
Meals and Rooms Tax	8,516.00
Revenue from Yield Tax Sources	103.00
Interest Received on Taxes & Deposits	500.00
Business Licenses, Permits & Filing Fees	5.00
Dog Licenses	1,000.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	25,000.00
Rent of Town Property & Equipment	300.00
Income from Trust Funds	1,300.00
Highway Subsidy	7,895.00
TRA	2,046.00
Crime Comm.	6,062.00
National Bank Stock Taxes	2.00
Resident Taxes Retained	8,950.00
Revenue Sharing (Contra)	34,000.00
Interest on Savings Account	1,611.00
Total Revenues & Credits	112,594.00
Net Town Appropriations	20,209.91
Net School Appropriations	361,379.91
County Tax Assessment	25,118.21
Total of Town, School & County	406,708.03

Deduct: Reimb. a/c Property Exempted	
1970 Spec. Session	12,901.00
Add: War Service Tax Credits	8,900.00
Add: Overlay	8,560.97
Property Taxes to be Raised	411,268.00
Property Taxes to be Committed to Collector:	
Tax Rates for Town	4.40
Gross Property Taxes	411,268.00
Less W/Serv. Tax Cr.	8,900.00
Total Tax Commitment	\$402,368.00

WAR SERVICE TAX CREDITS

Paraplegic, double amputees owning specially adapted homesteads with V.A. assistance

Unlimited – No. 1

Totally and permanently disabled veterans, their spouses or widows, and the widows of veterans who died or were killed on active duty.

Limits \$600.

All other Qualified persons

Limits \$50.00 – No. 178	\$8,900.00
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Resident Taxes: Tax - \$10. – Number Assessed 895 – Total Amount Assessed \$8,950.00 – Retained by Town/City \$8,950.00

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION

SEPARATE TAX RATES TO BE PRINTED
ON 1973 TAX BILLS (RSA 76:11, 11-a, 13)

TOWN OF STRATHAM

Unit of Government	Rate
Municipal	.38
County	.26
School	3.76
Combined Rate (Non-Precincts & Single School Districts - Towns or Cities)	4.40

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE TOWN OF STRATHAM

For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1973

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Date: February 1, 1974

John A. Hutton, Jr.
Richard G. Scamman
Elizabeth J. Corbin
Selectmen of Stratham

K. Lanzillo, Treas.

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

Cash:

In hands of Treasurer	\$157,432.91
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Unredeemed Taxes: (from tax
sale on account of)

Levy of 1972	2,355.51
Levy of 1971	2,333.38
Previous Years	<u>297.96</u>

Total	4,986.85
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Uncollected Taxes:

Levy of 1973, Including Resident Taxes	<u>77,279.45</u>
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77,279.45

Total Assets	239,699.21
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GRAND TOTAL	239,699.21
Current Surplus, Dec. 31, 1972	17,243.75
Current Surplus, Dec. 31, 1973	18,585.83
Increase of Surplus (Deficit) – Change in Financial Condition	1,342.08

LIABILITIES

Accounts Owed by the Town:	
Unexpended Revenue Sharing Funds	7,216.37
Due to State:	
2% Bond & Debt Retirement Taxes Collected—not remitted to State Treasurer	17.10
School District(s) Tax(es) Payable	209,379.91
Other Liabilities	
Tax Maps Article 17	4,500.00
Total Accounts Owed by the Town	221,113.38
Total Liabilities	221,113.38
Current Surplus (Excess of assets over liabilities)	18,585.83
GRAND TOTAL	239,699.21

UNIFORM CLASSIFICATION

RECEIPTS

Current Revenue:	
From Local Taxes: (Collected & remitted to Treas.)	
Property Taxes - 1973	334,709.52
Resident Taxes - 1973	6,700.00
National Bank Stock Taxes - 1973	5.50
Yield Taxes - 1973	102.60
Total Current Year's Taxes Collected and Remitted	341,517.62
Property Taxes & Yield Taxes, Previous Years	41,046.97

Resident Taxes, Previous Years	1,340.00
Interest received on Delinquent Taxes	1,905.55
Penalties: Resident Taxes	133.00
Tax sales redeemed	4,385.37

From State:

For Town Road Aid	2,046.07
Highway Subsidy	7,895.24
Interest and dividends tax	14,171.01
Savings Bank Tax	1,133.37
Meals and Rooms Tax	9,116.79
Reimbursements a/c Business Profits Tax	12,901.68

From Local Sources, Except Taxes:

Dog Licenses	1,044.00
Bus. Lic., permits and filing fees	6.00
Rent of town property	936.01
Interest received on deposits	1,180.23
Income from trust funds	552.98
Income from departments	1,322.97
Motor vehicle permits	
1972 – \$393.87	
1973 – \$28,194.85	
1974 – \$315.45	28,904.17

Receipts Other than Current Revenue:

Proceeds of Tax Anticipation Notes	50,000.00
Proceeds of Long Term Notes	6,500.00
Refunds	682.06
Sale of town property	2,064.07
Grants from U.S.A.	
Revenue Sharing	30,444.00
Interest on Investments of	
Revenue Sharing Funds	841.37
Law Enforcement Assistance Act	4,103.00
Recovery from Town Poor	4,379.54

Total Receipts from All Sources	570,553.07
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1973	163,296.10
GRAND TOTAL	\$733,849.17

UNIFORM CLASSIFICATION

PAYMENTS

Current Maintenance Expenses:

General Government:

Town officers' salaries	9,054.50
Town officers' expenses	3,857.52
Election & Registration expenses	193.25
Expenses town hall and other town buildings	3,757.12

Protection of Persons and Property:

Police Department	16,990.81
Fire Dept., inc. forest fires	5,859.49
Planning and Zoning	1,983.24
Insurance	3,886.30

Health,

Health Dept., inc. hospitals and ambulance	1,330.00
Town dumps and garbage removal	2,806.18

Highways and Bridges

Town Road Aid	306.91
Town Maintenance, Summer & Winter	31,299.51
Street Lighting	1,011.38
Rev. Sharing Art. 12, 13, 14, 16	33,492.00

Libraries	5,100.00
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Public Welfare:

Old age assistance	2,025.01
Town Poor	7,054.76

Patriotic Purposes:

Memorial Day, Veteran's Associations and Old Home Day	120.23
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Recreation:

Parks and playgrounds, inc.

band concerts 3,932.81

Public Service Enterprises:

Cemeteries, inc. hearse hire 267.87

Unclassified:

Damages and legal expenses 828.20

Advertising and Regional Assoc. 1,058.40

Taxes bought by town 4,198.88

Discounts, Abatements and refunds 59.95

Payments to trustees of trust

funds (New Trust Funds) 900.00

Total Current Maintenance Expenses 141,374.32

Debt Service:

Interest on Debt:

Paid on tax anticipation notes 840.50

Paid on long term notes 698.75

Total Interest Payments 1,539.25

Principal of Debt:

Payments on long term notes 50,000.00

Payments on bonded debt 6,693.09

Total Principal Payments 56,693.09

Capital Outlay:

Tax Maps, Article 17 6,500.00

Total Outlay Payments 6,500.00

Payments to Other Governmental
Divisions:

Resident Taxes paid to

State Treasurer 1973 2,314.35

Payments to State a/c 2% Bond

& Debt Retirement Taxes 8.12

Taxes paid to County	25,118.21	
Payments to State - Boats	6.76	
Payments to School Districts		
1972 - \$190,862.16		
1972 - \$152,000.00	342,862.16	
Total Payments to Other		
Governmental Divisions		370,309.60
Total Payments for All Purposes		576,416.26
Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1973		157,432.91
GRAND TOTAL		\$733,849.17

SCHEDULE OF LONG TERM INDEBTEDNESS

As of December 31, 1973; June 30, 1974 (1)

Long Term Notes Outstanding:

Tax Map	6,500.00
TRA	6,000.00
Town Hall Addition	9,000.00
Total Long Term Notes Outstanding	21,500.00

Total Long Term Indebtedness —

Dec. 31, 1973	\$21,500.00
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RECONCILIATION OF OUTSTANDING LONG TERM INDEBTEDNESS

Outstanding Long Term Debt, Dec. 31, 1972	22,000.00
New Debt Created During Fiscal Year:	
Long Term Notes Issued	56,500.00
Total	56,500.00
Total	78,500.00
Debt Retirement During Fiscal Year:	
Long Term Notes Paid	57,000.00
Total	57,000.00
Outstanding Long Term Debt. — Dec. 31, 1973	21,500.00

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1973: JUNE 30, 1974

DESCRIPTION	VALUE
Town Hall, Lands and Buildings	\$ 35,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	4,500.00
Libraries, Lands and Buildings	35,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	6,000.00
Police Department	
Equipment	4,000.00
Fire Department, Lands and Buildings	20,000.00
Equipment	40,000.00
Highway Department, Lands and Buildings	6,500.00
Equipment	35,000.00
Parks, Commons and Playgrounds	35,000.00
Schools, Lands and Buildings	175,000.00
Equipment	20,000.00
TOTAL	\$416,000.00

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

DECEMBER 31, 1973

1972 Dog tags in 1973	54.00	
1973 Dog tags	<u>990.00</u>	
		1,044.00
 Filing fees for town officers		 6.00
 Auto Permits:		
1972 permits in 1973	393.87	
1973 permits in 1973	28,194.85	
1974 permits in 1973	<u>315.45</u>	
		<u>28,904.17</u>
TOTAL		29,954.17
 TOTAL REMITTANCES TO TREASURER		 \$29,954.17

SUMMARY OF TAX SALES ACCOUNTS
FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1973

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	-- Tax Sale on Account of Levies of: --		
	1972	1971	1970
(a) Balance of Unredeemed Taxes			
January 1, 1973		4,010.04	736.04
(b) Taxes Sold to Town During			
Current Fiscal Year	4,198.88		
Redemption Costs	35.65	210.24	181.37
TOTAL DEBITS	\$4,234.53	\$4,220.28	\$917.41

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Remittances to Treasurer

 During Year:

Redemptions	\$1,834.37	\$1,676.66	\$438.08
Interest & Costs			
After Sale	35.65	210.24	181.37
Unredeemed Taxes -			
Dec. 31, 1973	2,355.51	2,333.38	297.96
TOTAL CREDITS	\$4,234.53	\$4,220.28	\$917.41

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT
STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

BALANCE ON HAND IN CHECKING ACCOUNT
JANUARY 1, 1973

\$ 53,873.10

RECEIVED FROM:

TAX COLLECTOR:

1973 Property Tax	334,776.44
1972 Property Tax	42,845.75
1972 Tax Sale Redempt.	1,879.02
1971 Tax Sale Redempt.	1,886.90
1970 Tax Sale Redempt.	619.45
1973 Resident Tax	6,709.00
1972 Resident Tax	1,464.00
1972 Yield Tax	39.85
1973 Yield Tax	102.60

390,323.01

TOWN CLERK:

Motor Vehicle Permits	28,904.17
Dog Licenses	1,044.00
Filing Fees	6.00

29,954.17

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE:

Interest & Dividends Tax	14,171.01
Town Road Aid	2,046.07
Savings Bank Tax	1,133.37
Room & Meals Tax	9,116.79
Business Profits Tax	12,901.68
Highway Subsidy (Gasoline Tax)	7,895.24
Police Coverage Grant	4,103.00

51,367.16

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT:

Revenue Sharing	30,444.00	30,444.00
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MISCELLANEOUS:

Stratham Hill Park Trust Fund	352.98
Sale of Cemetery Lots	1,170.00

Sale of Town Property	894.07	
Dividends, Adjustment, Refunds	682.06	
Board of Adjustments		
Variance Fees	145.00	
Recovery from Town Poor	4,379.54	
Bank Stock Tax	5.50	
Town Hall Public Phone	142.01	
Rent of Town Hall	794.00	
Loan in Anticipation		
of Taxes	50,000.00	
Loan for Tax Map	6,500.00	
Trustee of Trust Fund	200.00	
Reimbursement from Fire Dept.	1,057.97	
Subdivision Development	120.00	
		66,443.13
TRANSFER FROM SAVINGS ACCOUNT		98,000.00
BALANCE IN SAVINGS ACCOUNT		2,000.00
INTEREST ON SAVINGS ACCOUNT		1,180.23
TRANSFER FROM REVENUE SHARING		33,492.00
UNEXPENDED REVENUE SHARING		7,216.37
TOTAL ASSETS & RECEIPTS		764,293.17
PAID ON SELECTMEN'S ORDERS 1973		606,860.26
BALANCE ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 1973		\$157,432.91

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Labor	14,378.88
Culvert	101.64
Trimont	2,954.28
Bell & Flynn	8,000.00
Bell & Flynn	3,200.00
C & E Service	707.83
Salt	3,185.65
Heat & Oil	269.93
Electricity	58.75
Iafolla & Rockford	1,603.42
Maintenance Equipment	3,081.21
Equipment Rental	1,367.25
Gravel & Sand	1,377.67
Miscellaneous	<u>13.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES FOR 1973	\$40,299.51

TAX YEAR 1973
SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION
Town of Stratham in Rockingham County

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Date: September 18, 1973

John A. Hutton, Jr.

Richard G. Scamman

Elizabeth J. Corbin

Selectment of Stratham

Land—Improved and Unimproved	1,722,200.00
Buildings	7,179,800.00
Public Utilities	
Gas	56,000.00
Electric	438,000.00
House Trailers, Mobile Homes & Travel Trailers	
Assessed as Personal Property	28,000.00
Boats & Launches	<u>2,000.00</u>
TOTAL VALUATION BEFORE EXEMPTIONS	
ALLOWED	\$9,426,000.00
Blind Exemptions	\$1,000.00
Elderly Exemptions—No. 22	<u>78,000.00</u>
TOTAL EXEMPTIONS ALLOWED	79,000.00
NET VALUATION ON WHICH TAX	
RATE IS COMPUTED	\$9,347,000.00

ELECTRIC, GAS & PIPELINE COMPANY

Granite State Gas Co.	56,000.00
Exeter and Hampton	238,000.00
Public Service of N. H.	200,000.00
Number of Inventories Distributed in 1973	569
Date 1973 Inventories Were Mailed	3/25/73
Number of Inventories Returned in 1973	422

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS - 1973

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	PRINCIPAL			INCOME		
	Balance Jan. 1, 1973	New Funds	Balance Dec. 31, 1973	Balance Jan. 1, 1973	Income	Expenses Dec. 31, 1973
Cemetery Funds	19,448.00	900.00	20,348.00	3,882.95	1,216.98	400.00
Library Funds	13,197.57		13,197.57		945.07	945.07
Stratham Hill Park	4,525.00		4,525.00		350.99	250.00
Towle Fund	950.00		950.00	.16	49.08	1.26
Highway Rock Fund	5.00		5.00	13.93	1.01	14.94
Park Association	15,000.00		15,000.00		615.02	615.02
Total	53,125.57	900.00	54,025.57	3,897.04	3,178.15	2,258.07
						4,817.12

The Above Principal is
Invested as Follows:

The Above Income is
Deposited as Follows:

No.					
1635	Puritan Fund	10,298.13	Portsmouth Savings	365.20	
344	Broad St.	3,502.24	Exeter Co-op	2,725.46	
638	Investors Selective	7,117.98	Amoskeag Savings	14.94	
587	MIF	4,400.00	Indian Head Checking	1,522.86	
6	N. H. Fire Insurance	123.00	Indian Head Savings	188.66	
30	Chase Manhattan Bank Common	1,000.00			
74	Shawmut Associates	2,477.75			
	Plaislow Co-operative Bank	200.00			
	Portsmouth Savings Bank	575.00			
	Amoskeag Savings Bank	955.00			
	Indian Head National Bank	8,276.47			
	Exeter Co-op Bank	100.00			
551	Investors Mutual	7,500.00			
	National Securities	7,500.00			
Total as Above		\$54,025.57	Total as Above		\$4,817.12

WIGGIN MEMORIAL LIBRARY
TREASURER'S REPORT 1973

EXPENSES:

Staff	\$2,448.31
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LIBRARY MATERIALS:

Books	1,673.05
Magazines	138.22
Records	29.14
Supplies	255.20

BUILDING:

Fuel	412.11
Electricity	203.40
Telephone	140.76
Maintenance	117.00
General Repairs	175.45
Equipment	20.00

	5,612.64
Balance on hand, Jan. 1, 1974	725.68
	\$6,338.32

RECEPITS:

Town Appropriations	5,100.00
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OTHER INCOME:

Trust Funds	1,013.58
Dividends	85.86
Refunds	35.82
Book Fines	103.06

\$6,338.32

Lucy Smith
Treasurer

WIGGIN MEMORIAL LIBRARY

LIBRARY HOURS: Monday 2-5 p.m.; Wednesday 2-5 p.m.
and 7-9 p.m.; Friday 2-5 p.m.; Saturday 1-5 p.m.

Statistics for years	1972	1973
Interlibrary Loan	17	15
Film programs	68	49
Attendance	1255	1025
Borrowed from State Library (on request)	113	42
Borrowed from Bookmobile	2125	2473
Circulation:		
Books	8396	8572
Records	348	385
Periodicals	208	272
Patrons:		
Adult	341	361
Juvenile	384	397
Total Withdrawn	(26)	(51)
Total	725	758
Books added to Collection:		
Adult Fiction	100	211
Adult Non-fiction	121	228
Juvenile	155	301
Total	376	650
Received as gifts	17	144
Number of books purchased	359	740
State Library Cards issued	19	11
Number magazine subscriptions		
Adult	23	25
Juvenile	4	4
Number of records added to collection	63	96

WIGGIN MEMORIAL LIBRARY 1973

The continued financial support from the town has enabled the library to extend its programs and services to the community this past year.

The Children's Room is bright and cheerful with the new rug installed. Our thanks to all who helped earn the money for the carpeting — the Friends of the Library, donations from townspeople and earnings from plates and histories which the library sells. Enough money was left in the fund to purchase a vacuum cleaner.

A very successful Summer Reading Program was held during July and August with over 70 children participating and ended with a visit to the Hampton Playhouse for a matinee. A series of story hours for pre-schoolers was held in April and May and again in October and November. During the summer months story hours for pre-schoolers and first graders were held on Wednesdays with a film program for older children later in the morning. The sixth grade visited the library twice for orientation in the use of library facilities. The kindergarten enjoyed a story hour and film program with us one morning also.

Special activities for National Library Week included a mobile contest with prizes given at the Family Film Night that month. A tea for the Stratham Memorial School teachers to acquaint them with the library was held during the same week. One of the last of the Southeast District Book Meetings was held at the library during the spring. These worthwhile displays of books and book review sessions have had to be cancelled due to lack of funds.

With the help of collectors and organizations, we have had a wide range of exhibits in the display case. An exhibit of pottery is being planned and the school will have an exhibit of handicrafts later in the year. The display case is available to anyone, individual or organization who would like to use it.

The Board of Trustees asked the State Highway Department to remedy the dangerous condition in front of the library. Thanks to speedy action, a new culvert has been installed and the hazard removed.

Because our record collection needed more space, we have a new record cabinet with storage space underneath and storage space was added to the old one as well. These cabinets were made for us by Nelson Barker and are a welcome addition due to the expanded use of the record collection. Other new equipment purchased this year for use in the library is a dehumidifier because of the dampness in the Children's Room and a small hot water tank to comply with state law.

Our staff includes Dorothy Cole, librarian's assistant, Gail Burgess, library aide and Barbara Senko, librarian. We would like to thank Wendy Rowe and Linda Patrick who volunteered their time to put away books for us during the year. Our staff is willing and available to assist local organizations in finding special material, program planning and the showing of films.

Our special gratitude to all the many people who contributed of their time and effort for the advancement of our library. Our thanks to the many individuals and organizations who give magazine subscriptions for the use and enjoyment of the townspeople.

Signed: Ruth Nelson, Chairman
Lucy Smith
Lucy Bume
Barbara Senko, Librarian

REPORT OF BUILDING INSPECTOR

In 1973 your Building Inspector issued a total of 57 permits, broken down in the following categories.

Mobile Homes	4
Single Family Homes	28
Garage, Garage-Breezeway	10
Home Additions	6
Cattle Shed	1
Barn	1
Other	1
Swimming Pool	1
Commercial Buildings	4
Animal Hospital	<u>1</u>
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Building Permits issued represent a construction value of \$1,347,300.00.

Respectfully submitted,
Charles B. Nelson
Building Inspector

STRATHAM VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
FINANCIAL REPORT
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1973

RECEIPTS

Balance in hands of Treasurer Jan. 1, 1973	2,492.09
Savings Account Jan. 1, 1973	1,302.26
Interest on Savings Account	61.85
Finance Committee	83.05
Refreshment Committee	156.40
Dues	162.00
Badges & Emblems	43.00
Burning & Other Services	200.25
Supper & Auction	546.59
Raffle	277.25
	\$5,324.74

EXPENSES

Equipment & Maintenance	3,542.86
Flowers	72.50
Supplies	35.84
Fire Chief's Expenses	2.00
Fire School	40.00
Emblems	452.25
Postage	8.00
Fire Prevention Week	20.00
Social Activities	81.27
Balance in hands of Treasurer Dec. 31, 1973	196.93
Savings Account Dec. 31, 1973	873.09
TOTAL	\$5,324.74

Nelson E. Barker. Treasurer

FINANCIAL REPORT OF 6th ANNUAL FAIR

PROPERTY OWNED BY FAIR

Food Stands & Cold Storage Plant	5,200.00
Scales & Scale House	5,000.00
Cattle Barn	3,500.00
Sheep Barn	2,500.00
Tents, tables, signs, lobster and chicken cookers, electrical supplies, etc.	8,550.00

ESTIMATED ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

State of N. H., Grant for 1972	1,150.00
State of N. H., Grant for 1973	4,000.00

MONEY ON HAND

Checking Account	585.05
Savings Account	1,348.09
	\$31,833.14

Nelson E. Barker, Treasurer

REPORT OF THE STRATHAM VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR THE YEAR 1973

The department finished the year with a total membership of 86 men, making Stratham the largest total volunteer department in the state.

In the past year, the officers began an intensified training program, with training being conducted every Tuesday night. Some of the training programs have been; driver training, pump operation, use of foam, first aid, breathing apparatus, water relay operations, and sprinkler systems.

The department responded to 73 calls this year, more than double the calls of the previous year. The following is a summary of those calls:

Mutual aid	9
Dump fires	7
Lost persons	4
Other calls including car fires, grass fires, flooded burners and smoke in house	52

In addition to these calls there were 20 burner permits issued and 53 inspections performed by the department personnel. All citizens are reminded that state law requires that oil burner installations and permits for assemble must be issued by the fire chief.

Again this year the Ladies' Auxiliary gave the department 7 new turn-out coats, making a total of 21 new coats for the department.

Serious maintainance problems on two pump systems caused the department to over-expend the budget this year. Because of this expense no replacement of hose or other equipment was possible.

The new shopping complexes in town have placed new

requirements on the department, so that the need for additional equipment purchases have caused the budget to rise for the next year.

This year a building study committee has been formed. The fire-house is becoming crowded, so that additional space may be needed. The committee will study the projected needs for the next 10 year period and make recommendations to the department and selectmen in the coming year. Some possible requirements may be the purchase of additional land for expansion to the fire-house. Replacement of the present furnace is also a requirement.

The department will offer this year a first-aid training program for the community at large. Those interested please contact department officers.

The following is the budget expenditures for 1973:

	Proposed	Actual
Lights	\$ 150.00	\$ 225.18
Heat	275.00	214.84
Gas-Oil	225.00	80.54
Maintenance-Repair	500.00	3,518.93
Forestry	100.00	
Equipment purchase	825.00	
	<u>\$2,220.00</u>	<u>\$4,039.49</u>

The following is the budget for the year of 1974:

Lights	\$ 275.00
Heat	300.00
Gas-Oil	275.00
Maintenance-Repair	2,550.00
Forestry	100.00
Training Funds	200.00
Equipment Purchase	2,943.00
	<u>\$6,343.00</u>

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

LABOR:

Robert Berry	440.00
Richard Scamman	30.00
David Gilbert	7652.37
Robert Gillespie	2923.50
Brian Corbin	358.50
Neal Stone	676.80
Charles Hartson	27.00

TOTAL LABOR		\$12,108.17
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EQUIPMENT:

Kings Chevrolet	3326.00
Fred L. Wiggin, Inc. (tires)	153.28
Stratham Tire	13.20

	3,492.48
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GASOLINE, OIL & REPAIRS:

C & E Service Center	170.03
Stratham Sunoco	592.91
Stratham Convenience Store	217.92
Miller Motors	16.00
Kings Chevrolet	12.16

	1,009.02
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COMMUNICATIONS:

N. E. Telephone	152.93	152.93
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OTHER EXPENSES TO DEPARTMENT:

Town of Hampton	13.75
Steven Irving	30.00
Newmarket Press	24.60
Seacoast Fire Equip. Co.	3.75
Vic's Market	21.98
Brown & Saltmarsh	25.35

Ben's (uniforms, etc.)	91.60	
Batchelder's Bookstore	<u>17.18</u>	
		<u>228.21</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES FOR 1973		\$16,990.81

1973 CRIME REPORT

JAN. 1, 1973 to DEC. 31, 1973

Burglary	13
Larceny	17
DWI	3
Accident	58
Fatal	2
Assaults	4
Robbery	2
Total Number of Incidents	
Calls	493
Arrests	49
Court Cases	49
Total Man Hours	
Chief	2272
Others	1296
Court Summons	49
Defect, Equipment Tags	76
Hours worked Fire Dept. Fair	379
July – Dec. 1973 Mileage on Police Car	25,520

EXETER AREA VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION

The Exeter Area Visiting Nurse Association is a Community Health Service providing skilled nursing care on an intermittent basis and physical therapy to patients in their home. Service is provided by registered professional nurses and a physical therapist experienced in public health. Care is provided through orders from each patient's physician.

The nurse gives treatments such as changing surgical dressings, hypodermic injections, etc. She assists with the rehabilitation of persons (of all ages) handicapped by arthritis, heart trouble, diabetes, cancer, stroke, mental illness, accidents, and similar conditions. The nurse instructs designated persons to give needed care between nursing visits, and teaches families and individuals good nutrition and understanding of special diets; she advises new and expectant mothers in the care of themselves and their babies; provides tuberculosis and psychiatric follow-up and refers, when appropriate, to other agencies. The physical therapist evaluates, establishes, and supervises, and/or carries out a program to return the patient to his maximum abilities.

The Association provides the services of a Home Health Coordinator to the Exeter Hospital, who assists in planning for the necessary care required for the patient to return to his home.

A Well Child clinic, sponsored by the Association and the Division of Public Health, is held monthly, and provides physicals, immunizations, and well child care to eligible children.

As of October 31, 1973, a total of 189 nursing and therapy visits were made to 34 individuals in Stratham.

Information or service may be obtained by calling the VNA office between 8:00 and 4:00, Monday thru Friday at 17 Prospect Avenue, Exeter, N. H. Phone 772-2981.

Mrs. Marjorie Berry
Mr. John Quinn
Representatives from Stratham
Board of Directors
Exeter Area V.N.A.

STRATHAM HILL PARK REPORT FROM THE PARK ASSOCIATION

Stratham Hill Park is not a National Park or a State Park as many people believe who visit it's facilities to enjoy the high aesthetic quality and recreational appeal.

This park was left to the Town of Stratham by the Honorable Edward Tuck in the year 1905, for the people of this town and surrounding towns to enjoy. Therefore National or State funds are not available to improve or maintain the park, this is the responsibility of the Town of Stratham and the Park Association.

To mention some of the highlights in 1973 were: A general reconnaissance of Stratham Hill Park was made to determine the species composition of the woodlands and what steps might be taken to improve them. Primary consideration was given to forest management for recreational use. Secondary consideration to actual timber production. A third consideration is that of wildlife management to improve natural habitation in the area. As a result of the field trip a long range woodland plan was completed for the park association to consider. This plan was produced by the Rockingham Extention Forest Recreational Specialist, Gerald J. Ouellette and County Forester Stanley W. Knowles.

In June new toilet facilities were constructed near the horse pulling area and the old ones destroyed.

Concern about permanent buildings and installations in the park showed the need for a long range plan not covered by the woodland plan. A study committee was appointed to work on this for 1973-74.

In the area of the skating rink a very fine warming hut has been constructed. This was voted by the park association three years ago when and if funds were available, this was the year. The following committee was appointed: Donald Littlefield, Chairman and Design Engineer, Christopher Rowe, Larry

Dowling, Lucien Burleaud, and Arthur French, Electrical Engineer.

The park association would like to thank the committee for a very fine accomplishment. We would also like to thank the following people who gave or donated work to the building, Rodney Sanderson and son Sandy, Robert Wiggin, Robert Calef, Richard Cole, Robert Clements, David Bragdon and Trustworthy Hardware Co., who gave the stove.

The baseball little league field is a fine field good as any in the state and a credit to Stratham. The use of this field during baseball season is unbelievable. Come down and see a league game some night. Watch the youth in action!

In the fall the State of New Hampshire Department of Resources and Economic Development Division of Resources Development Concord, N. H. who has control of the forest fire look out towers retired Clayton Eastman, there long time ranger from active service. The tower was to be phased out and Clayton had reached the age of retirement so they both went out together. Clayton Eastman has so many friends old and young that a testimonial was given in his honor. Many gifts were given to Clayton by people in the Community and the State.

Who could see Clayton Eastman leave this area after the many years of service of watching over our community and surrounding towns. Stratham Hill Park has been his home for many years, and will continue to be because the Stratham Hill Park Association has created a new position, Stratham Hill Park "Ranger" and Mr. Clayton Eastman has a new title. Good luck Clayton Eastman in your new assignment. We will find plenty of work for you to do.

Stratham Hill Park Association
George R. Brown, President

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1973
STRATHAM HILL PARK ASSOCIATION

Robert Calef, Treasurer

Balance on Hand Jan. 1, 1973	\$ 264.50
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EXPENSES:

Treasurer's Bond	10.00
Wentworth Lumber	22.64
Stratham Hardware	268.52
Rodney Sanderson	100.00
Baillargon Lumber	86.58
City Concrete	109.00
Marlu Const.	439.50
Don Littlefield	200.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$1,236.24
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INCOME:

Trust Funds	615.02
Dog Shows	604.77
Dues	39.00
Interest on Savings	40.29
Rock. Kennel Club	200.00
Cycle Club	15.00

TOTAL INCOME	\$1,514.08
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CASH ON HAND DEC. 31, 1973	\$542.34
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OFFICERS OF STRATHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT
1973 - 1974

SCHOOL BOARD

Robert E. Corbin, Chairman	Term expires 1974
Robert E. Goodrich	Term expires 1975
Richard H. Wiggin	Term expires 1976

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Jerome F. Melvin

TEACHER CONSULTANT

Frederick King

BUSINESS MANAGER

Daniel Durgin

PRINCIPAL

David C. Michaud

MODERATOR

William P. Roberts

CLERK

Ruth Nelson

TREASURER

Barbara Dowling

AUDITOR

Richard Paul

SCHOOL NURSE

Vinie Scamman

TRUANT OFFICER

Richard Wiggin

SCHOOL DISTRICT WARRANT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Stratham qualified to vote in district affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said district on the fifth of March 1974, between the hours of 10:00 o'clock in the morning and 7:00 o'clock in the afternoon for the following purposes:

1. To choose a Moderator for the ensuing year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To choose an Auditor for the ensuing year.

Given under our hands at said Stratham this 13th day of February, 1974.

Robert E. Goodrich
Robert E. Corbin
Richard H. Wiggin

SCHOOL BOARD OF STRATHAM

A true copy of Warrant - Attest:

Robert E. Goodrich

Robert E. Corbin

Richard H. Wiggin

SCHOOL BOARD OF STRATHAM

SCHOOL DISTRICT WARRANT
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the School District of Stratham qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Memorial School in said District on Monday, the fourth of March, 1974, at eight o'clock in the afternoon to act on the following subjects:

1. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers hereto chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.

2. To see if the District will vote to authorize the Moderator to appoint a Building Committee of seven members to make recommendations concerning an addition to the Stratham Memorial School and report their recommendations to a School District Meeting and raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for the use of such committee.

3. To see if the District will vote pursuant to RSA 31:105 to provide indemnification for district employees, school administrators, school board members, district officers or agents from personal loss or expense including reasonable legal fees and costs, if any, arising out of any claim, demand, suit or judgment by reason of negligence or other act resulting in accidental injury to a person or accidental damage to property providing the indemnified person was at the time of the accident acting within the scope of his employment or office.

4. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty-Seven Hundred Dollars (\$4,700.00) for the purpose of reengineering and remodeling the Memorial School's heating system.

5. On petition of Audrey M. Durant and others to see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five

Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) to continue the fence on the easterly side of the Memorial School to the boundaries of the state road (approximately 100 feet).

6. To see if the District will vote to authorize the employment of an Assistant Teacher Consultant for Supervisory Union 16, as provided in RSA 186:11, XXII and XXIII, effective July 1, 1974 and raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Eight Hundred Forty-Four Dollars and No/100 (\$1,844.00) as Stratham's share of the salary, travel, retirement, F.I.C.A., and Blue Cross-Blue Shield.

7. To see what sum of money the District will vote to raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of the statutory obligations of the District.

8. To choose Agents, Auditors, and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this Warrant.

To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hand at said Stratham this 13th day of February, 1974.

Robert E. Corbin
Robert E. Goodrich
Richard H. Wiggin

SCHOOL BOARD OF STRATHAM

A true copy of Warrant - Attest:

Robert E. Corbin

Robert E. Goodrich

Richard H. Wiggin

SCHOOL BOARD OF STRATHAM

BUDGET OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF STRATHAM

	Code	Expenditures 1972-73	Adopted Budget 1973-74	Proposed Budget 1974-75
ADMINISTRATION				
Salaries of Dist. Officers	110.1	420.00	820.00	820.00
Contracted Services	135	5.00	55.00	55.00
Other Expenses	190.1	193.61	725.00	200.00
INSTRUCTION				
Salary of Principal	210.1	6,138.08	6,650.00	7,300.00
Salaries of Teachers	210.3	72,281.11	76,990.00	100,373.00
Salaries of Other				
Instructional Staff	210.4,9	3,894.16	4,158.00	6,575.00
Salaries, Sec. & Clerical	210.5	3,068.89	3,150.00	1,631.00
Textbooks	215	670.34	1,442.00	1,526.00
Library & AV	220	1,085.32	949.00	1,214.00
Teaching Supplies	230	2,240.66	2,886.00	3,396.00
Contracted Services	235	375.95	305.00	443.00
Other Expenses	290	137.87	700.00	850.00
ATTENDANCE SERVICES				
Attendance Officer	310	10.00	10.00	10.00
HEALTH				
Nurse's Salary	410	1,935.70	3,654.00	3,874.00
Contracted Services	435	1,252.20	275.00	200.00
Supplies, Travel	490	45.87	510.00	532.00
TRANSPORTATION				
Local	535.1	16,800.00	23,300.00	25,800.00
For Handicapped	535.2	836.25	1,260.00	2,740.00
OPERATION OF PLANT				
Janitor's Salary	610	4,143.75	4,425.00	7,280.00
Janitor's Supplies	630	895.21	840.00	875.00
Contracted Services	635	31.88	35.00	500.00
Fuel	640	2,323.11	2,450.00	5,920.00
Utilities (Lights, Tel., Water)	645	2,598.73	2,650.00	2,975.00
MAINTENANCE OF PLANT				
Replacement of Equip.	725	156.97	149.00	
Contracted Services	735	1,683.27	1,600.00	3,140.00
Other Expenses	790	463.98	350.00	500.00
FIXED CHARGES				
Retirement	850.2	2,076.41	2,120.00	1,706.00

FICA	850.3	5,047.68	5,660.00	7,405.00
Insurance	855	1,504.22	2,651.00	2,707.00
SCHOOL LUNCH/MILK				
Federal Monies	975.1	2,977.12	2,300.00	4,000.00
District Monies	975.2	408.32	400.00	400.00
CAPITAL OUTLAY				
Sites	1265			300.00
Equipment	1267	903.31	2,186.00	1,393.00
DEBT SERVICE				
Principal of Debt	1370	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Interest on Debt	1371	406.25	244.00	82.00
OUTGOING TRANSFER				
ACCOUNTS				
Tuition, Pub. Sch.	1477.1	207,618.88	235,464.00	242,453.00
Supervisory Union Exp.	1477.3	8,541.73	9,778.00	10,783.00
Other In-state Exp.	1477.9	1,707.00	1,848.00	2,361.00
EXPENDITURES TO				
OTHER THAN				
PUBLIC SCHOOLS	1479	1,055.00		1,250.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURES OF SCHOOL

APPROPRIATION	\$360,933.83	\$407,989.00	\$458,569.00
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RECEIPTS

Balance (Actual or Est.)	15,906.25	4,369.09	2,000.00
State-Foundation Aid	5,117.93	15,534.00	15,534.00
State-Sch. Building Aid	1,683.90	1,581.00	2,107.00
State-Sweepstakes	6,689.81	6,483.00	4,439.00
State-Phy. Handicapped	1,080.00		
Federal-NDEA Title III	237.50		
Federal-Sch. Lunch/Milk	2,967.12	2,300.00	4,000.00
Federal-PL 874	9,091.00	9,000.00	9,000.00
Tuition-Transition	7,353.56	5,224.00	3,092.00
Other	606.00	2,118.00	2,237.00

TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$50,733.07	\$46,609.09	\$42,409.00
Business Profits Tax	9,657.00	10,139.00	10,646.00
Dist. Assessment	306,205.16	351,240.91	405,514.00

TOTAL APPROPRIATION

VOTED OR TO BE

VOTED BY DISTRICT

\$356,659.00	\$407,989.00	\$458,569.00
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REPORT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER
for the
Fiscal Year July 1, 1972 to June 30, 1973

SUMMARY

Cash on Hand July 1, 1972	
(Treasurer's bank balance)	\$ 15,906.25
Received from Selectmen	315,862.16
Revenue from State Sources	14,571.64
Revenue from Federal Sources	12,295.62
Received from Tuitions	7,353.56
Received from all Other Sources	<u>1,148.50</u>
 TOTAL RECEIPTS	 351,231.48
 TOTAL AMOUNT AVAILABLE FOR FISCAL YEAR	
(Balance and Receipts	367,137.73
LESS SCHOOL BOARD ORDERS PAID	<u>361,476.33</u>
 BALANCE ON HAND JUNE 30, 1973	
(Treasurer's Bank Balance)	\$ 5,661.40

July 17, 1973

Barbara L. Dowling
District Treasurer

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that we have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Stratham of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1973, and find them correct in all respects.

July 29, 1973

Richard Paul
Auditor

1974-75 SUPERVISORY UNION BUDGET

RECEIPTS:

Cash on Hand as of June 30, 1974	\$ 5,393.00
State Support	22,550.00
Federal Funds	39,862.00
Other Receipts (Exclusive of Dist. Share)	95,850.00
Total Receipts (Exclusive of Dist. Share)	<u>163,655.00</u>

EXPENDITURES:

Administration, Salaries of:

Supervisory Union Officers	150.00
Administrative and Supervisory	69,842.00
Clerical and Technical	36,546.00

Travel	4,100.00
Other Expenses	11,696.00

Instruction

Salaries	98,450.00
Other Expenses	13,652.00

Health Services

Salaries	5,740.00
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Operation of Plant	7,582.00
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Maintenance of Plant	2,525.00
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Fixed Charges	24,397.00
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Capital Outlay	3,333.00
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Contingency Fund	<u>1,587.00</u>
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Total Expenditures	279,600.00
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Less Estimated Receipts (from above)	<u>163,655.00</u>
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Amount to be shared by districts	115,945.00
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DISTRIBUTION OF \$115,945.00 TO BE RAISED BY DISTRICTS

District	1972 Equalized Valuation	Valuation Percent	1972-73 Pupils	Pupil Percent	Combined Percent	District Share
Brentwood	12,311,634	8.32	197.2	5.36	6.84	7,930.64
East Kingston	7,564,486	5.11	140.4	3.82	4.46	5,171.15
Exeter	92,271,320	62.39	2834.9	77.04	69.71	80,825.25
Kensington	10,865,053	7.35	142.4	3.87	5.61	6,504.52
Newfields	7,434,416	5.03	114.8	3.12	4.08	4,730.56
Stratham	17,456,176	11.80	249.9	6.79	9.30	10,782.88
TOTAL	147,903,085	100.00	3679.6	100.00	100.00	115,945.00

Date: 1/16/74

Donald W. Pailes, Chairman

Supervisory Union Board

ANNUAL DISTRICT SCHOOL MEETING

March 5, 1973

The Annual District School Meeting, Union No. 16, was held at the Stratham Memorial School on Monday, March 5, 1973.

Moderator William Roberts brought the meeting to order at 8:00 P.M., Reverend Walter Thyng gave the Invocation.

Moderator Roberts read the School Warrant and asked if the minutes from last year's meeting needed to be read, due to them being printed in the Town Report.

Richard Scamman moved that minutes be accepted as written in the Town Report, Frederick Gowen seconded. So voted.

ARTICLE I. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers hereto chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.

The Building Committee report was printed in the Town Report. Douglas Scamman, Jr. moved that Building Committee be continued for another year, seconded by Robert Goodrich. So voted.

ARTICLE II. To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fourteen Hundred Dollars (\$1,400.00) for the purpose of purchasing and installing a dishwasher and hot water booster to be utilized in the School Lunch Program at the Stratham Memorial School.

Christopher Rowe moved that article be adopted as read. Rudy Bume seconded. Douglas Scamman, Jr. explained article. So voted.

ARTICLE III. To see if the School District will raise and appropriate Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for the use as option money and to allow the School District to negotiate for the

purchase of a one hundred (100) foot strip of land adjacent to the present Stratham Memorial School property, bounded on the north by Bunker Hill Avenue and known as the Cushman property.

Douglas Scamman, Jr. moved that this article be adopted as read, Chris Rowe seconded, short discussion on article. So voted.

ARTICLE IV. To see what sum of money the District will vote to raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of the statutory obligations of the District.

Proposed budget 405,869.00. Chairman Douglas Scamman, Jr. moved that this article be adopted as read and Robert Corbin seconded. Scamman then explained budget.

Robert Corbin moved for an amendment to add \$200.00 on to the Utility cost item and Rudy Bume seconded. So voted.

Richard Scamman moved that Auditor's salary be raised from \$5.00 to \$25.00. Charles Nelson seconded. So voted.

Question then asked concerning complete budget of \$406,089.00. So voted.

ARTICLE V. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this Warrant.

Fred Hutton moved that we pass over Article V. Mr. Parson seconded. So voted.

ARTICLE VI. To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

Robert Corbin asked the group to give Douglas Scamman, Jr. a rising vote of thanks for his fine work as School Board member.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Ruth Nelson, School Clerk

1973 REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD STRATHAM MEMORIAL SCHOOL

The School Board in August 1973 had to employ an additional teacher because of the increased enrollment in the first grade. A similar problem faces the board for the 1974-75 school year as 31 children are projected to enter grade one. However, the administration and the board feels that one of four events can happen in relation to the class size: 1) there may be less students than projected requiring only one teacher; 2) there will be no further increase over that projected in which case an aide will be employed to assist the regular teacher; 3) the class size will increase requiring the services of a part time teacher; 4) the class size could increase to the point of having to employ an additional full time teacher. Feeling the latter unlikely, the board has included in the 1974-75 budget funds for an aide or part time teacher should either be necessary.

A review of the school's insurance was conducted resulting in increased fire insurance coverage for the building from \$220,000.00 to \$325,000.00 which is more in line with today's replacement costs. Other coverage such as liability, building contents and burglary were included and the new package program was obtained at a lower premium than previously paid.

Stratham Fire Chief Fred Hutton, Sr. inspected the premises on several occasions; on his recommendation illuminated exit signs were installed and minor hazards corrected. An external alarm (siren) donated by the Stratham Volunteer Fire Department will be installed as soon as weather permits. We appreciate the department's interest and assistance.

A review and updating of rules and policies has been undertaken throughout the year with many items rewritten and new ones adopted; this is to be a continuing program.

The administration has attempted to reduce fuel consumption by lowering the school's temperature which has resulted in about

a 9% saving over the previous year. Following a lengthy study, the recommended remodeling of the heating system for better control should reduce fuel expenditures by 10 to 20% additional.

The board has met several times with staff members to review the school's programs. We are impressed with the staff's attitude, interest and hard work during the past year to provide the finest possible education for the district's elementary students. Much of the work by the staff has been accomplished on their own time and they have been active in Supervisory Union 16 programs, committees and other functions relative toward improving the school's educational programs.

Extensive negotiating sessions were carried on with the teachers or their association representative culminating in contract agreements equitable to them and the district.

Board members represented the district at several S. U. 16 Joint Board meetings as well as many various union committee sessions. The board has actively participated in the proposal to split up the union and will continue to take part in further studies to be conducted on the important issue.

The board investigated other possible systems of transportation for the District's pupils in an effort to reduce costs in that area but has found no other arrangement less expensive than the present one. The District costs per pupil mile remain well under the state average at this time.

Volunteers working in the school's programs are to be congratulated for their participation; their efforts have greatly assisted the staff and has been of significant benefit to many students.

Robert E. Corbin
Robert E. Goodrich
Richard H. Wiggin
Stratham School Board

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Jerome F. Melvin

For the first time in several years, educational program was somewhat restricted due to increased class size at the Stratham Memorial School during the past year.

In fact, a larger than anticipated first grade caused the School Board to create a second first grade class in September. As the result of this action, the room previously used for a library was converted to a classroom. Consequently, a section of the cafetorium area, as well as the stage, is now used as a library, thus curtailing the activities previously scheduled for that space.

In addition to studying future classroom needs at the school, the reactivated space needs committee is now investigating the possibility of adding an all-purpose room to the school. Such an area would be used by the school and community for athletic, social, and club functions. I firmly believe that an expanding and growing community, such as Stratham, needs such a facility if we are to meet all the needs of our boys and girls.

Principal David Michaud in his annual report, has emphasized the curriculum changes that have taken place during the past six months. These changes, he notes, involve placing all students on a level appropriate to their degree of achievement in both reading and mathematics. The levels approach allows a child to progress at his own rate of speed, regardless of the grade to which he is assigned.

Mr. Michaud writes that the Stratham School is currently providing a well-balanced program for students, with an attempt to give as much individual help as possible. I concur with him when he adds that such help would be impossible without the assistance of our many volunteer teacher and library aides.

The financial frustrations of attempting to provide quality education in a state which ranks last among all fifty states as regards state aid to local communities continues to plague us. One cannot but be impressed by the sacrifices of our local citizens who assume the burden of supporting their local schools almost entirely through property tax dollars.

As in the past, our average per pupil costs for both the AREA Junior High School and the AREA Senior High School compare most favorably with other New Hampshire secondary schools. The tuition rate for 1974-75 as announced by the Exeter School Board and approved by the State Department of Education:

AREA Junior High School

Estimated per pupil costs for 1973-74	\$ 821.18
Rental Charges	42.82
Tuition for 74-75 – JHS	\$ 864.00

AREA Senior High School

Estimated per pupil costs for 1973-74	\$ 963.42
Rental Charges	43.58
Tuition for 74-75 – SHS	\$1,007.00

These estimated per pupil costs for 1973-74, in accordance with the AREA contract, are the basis for determining tuition rates for the 1974-75 school year. A rental charge is added to complete the tuition cost.

The latest New Hampshire junior and senior high school average per pupil costs, based on the 1972-73 school year, are \$857.00 and \$931.00 respectively. Thus, the comparative state costs are two years behind the AREA tuition figures for the 1974-75 school year.

In November 1973, the Exeter School Board requested a month's delay from the State Board of Education so that a plan for the establishment of the Exeter School District as a single

supervisory union could be presented at the December meeting of the State Board. This request was denied.

Consequently, at the Supervisory Union 16 joint boards annual financial meeting in December, board members from the six school districts voted to form two committees. One committee would study the possibility of adding an additional administrator to the central office staff while the second committee would be charged with developing a plan for the reorganization of Supervisory Union 16. Since that time, the joint boards have employed Mr. Jason Boynton, from the New Hampshire School Boards' Association, as a planning consultant.

Regardless of any recommendation that might be made and any possible future actions, I believe that the joint boards have acted wisely in collectively trying to solve their mutual problems. Hopefully, such recommendations will prove beneficial to all six school districts and result in improved central office operating efficiency.

There were three full-time staff members new to Stratham Memorial School in 1973. Two were replacements and one was an additional teacher to fill a new position. The present staff and their respective assignments are listed below:

David C. Michaud, Principal/Teacher
 Elizabeth Batchelder, Secretary/Librarian
 Maxine Beairsto, Grade 1
 Lynn Deremer, Grade 5
 Cathy A. Henson, Grade 4
 Marie Johnson, Grade 3
 S. Gail Kounelas, Grade 2
 Elaine Nekton, Grade 1
 Katherine S. Peabody, Grade 3
 Anna Pike, Physical Education
 Joan Robinson, Grades 4, 5, Assistant Principal
 Beverly Saloman, Grade 6
 Vinie Scamman, School Nurse
 Linda Telles, Transition

Sally Wool, Music

Elaine Haberland, Teacher Aide

Ann Stevens, Transition Aide

Peter Marsh, Custodian

Dorothy Bragdon, Lunchroom Assistant

Leona Bunker, Lunchroom Assistant

Joan Sewall, Lunchroom Manager

BUILDING NEEDS COMMITTEE REPORT -

The Stratham Memorial School Building Needs Committee as authorized by the 1973 Stratham School District Meeting held several meetings during the school year.

Several reports and statistical summaries were studied by the committee including present and future school programs, enrollment projections, population growth figures, census reports, building permit reports and others.

The committee also included in its study present use of the building with relation to its student enrollment and possible future expansion correlated with the reports and statistics furnished by many professional resource people.

The Building Needs Committee is partial to the construction of a multi-purpose building for the following reasons: 1) it would relieve the present space limitations which has resulted in the library being located in the cafeteria/auditorium and on the stage; 2) it would provide classroom space in the cafeteria/auditorium for up to three classrooms and/or learning center areas; 3) it would provide permanent library space; 4) it would provide adequate space for now limited functions: physical education, cafeteria, assemblies, public school programs such as musicals, plays, etc.; 5) it would allow use as a public function and activities center for the town for meetings, adult physical and academic education and other activities present town facilities now limit or do not permit.

The committee feels that such a building would provide for school and town needs for some time into the future.

It is the recommendation of this committee that the School District authorize the establishment of a building committee.

Robert E. Corbin
Robert E. Goodrich
Richard H. Wiggin
Christopher Rowe
Lawrence Dowling

Robert T. Wiggin
John Hutton, Jr.
W. Douglas Scamman, Jr.
Mrs. Nancy Herdecker
Mrs. Claire Bailey

TABLE I

STRATHAM PUPILS

TOTAL ENROLLMENT JANUARY 1, 1974

GRADE	Spec. Trans.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total	
Memorial Sch.	20	39	28	48	39	43	31							248	
Exeter AREA															
Jr. High								50	51					101	
Exeter AREA															
High Sch.										35	41	32	26	134	
Phillips Exeter															
Academy												1	2	3	
Rockingham															
School	5													5	
Totals	5	20	39	28	48	39	43	31	50	51	35	41	33	28	491
1973 Comparisons	6	13	29	44	32	39	30	52	46	35	39	42	30	36	473

TABLE II

PERFECT ATTENDANCE FOR ENTIRE YEAR 1972-73

James Abbott	Mark Gowen
David Badger	Kirstian Reid
Glenn Badger	Linda Richards
David Baker	Kirk Scamman
Julie Baker	Holly Smith
James Batchelder	Sandra Stevens
Timothy Broadbent	James Turner
John Frasier	

REPORT OF THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

Daniel C. Durgin

It is not surprising that we often feel the significance of change since, as someone once said, "change is all around us." In reviewing various reports printed in the 1973 School District Report, I noted with interest the number of administrators and board members who mentioned the many changes which had occurred during the previous year. I would like to mention two or three of the newer developments in our system.

FACILITIES

The students and staff of the Brentwood School District, upon their return to school in September, were pleased to find the new addition to the Swasey School ready for their occupancy. The new facility consists of six classrooms and a large resource center. It is electrically heated and boasts carpeting throughout. It is a most attractive and functional facility and one in which the town's citizens can take extreme pride. Noteworthy too is the fact that the total cost ran under \$18 per square foot which was the lowest per square foot cost for schools in the state for 1973.

In June, the offices of Supervisory Union No. 16 were relocated to the Main Street School Annex in Exeter. Our new location offers the Union staff an enlarged facility with ample room for equipment and storage of supplies and administrative records.

In August, the voters of Exeter approved the purchase of 36 acres of land located just south of the Junior-Senior High site. This acreage is flat, relatively dry land and will be developed for athletic fields. At present, a committee is at work formulating recommendations for presentation to the Exeter School Board.

ECONOMY

This report would not be complete without a word about the dramatic changes in our economy and its impact on our schools.

Recent months have brought rapid increases in costs of many materials and supplies used in the operation of our schools. Most noteworthy in this category are fuel oil and school paper. Prices for certain types of both commodities have more than doubled over the past year. This not only makes budget forecasting extremely difficult, but it places extreme and unpredictable pressure on current budgets. All of us, I am sure, share the same hope that the rapid escalation in prices of essential goods will level off and, hopefully, decline.

PERSONNEL

In conclusion, I would like to mention something that does not change, and that is the efficiency and dedication of our support personnel. I fear at times, we tend to overlook the contribution of these individuals as they continue to perform their important duties in a quiet and efficient manner. Therefore, I would like to thank them all publicly for their dedicated service to their respective school districts and Supervisory Union No. 16.

BRENTWOOD

Orris Johnson
Robert Mooers

Eleanor Martin
Anita Plouffe

EAST KINGSTON

Gloria Lizotte

Benjamin Dumas

EXETER

Muriel Blenk
Constance Brown
Wilma Comstock
Diane Damon
Natalie Dutton
Susan Galvin
Marion Melia
Renee Morrisette
Margaret Pollock
Eva Smith
Frances Wentworth

James Savage
Raymond Snook
Joan Anderson
Christine Boyers
Eloise Brown
Rose Chapman
Connie Clarke
Irene Day
Audrey Eastman
Priscilla Edwards
Frances Fisk

Steven Beers
 Alexander Bernier
 Douglas Call
 Edward Crespi
 Marvin Davis
 Joseph Dube
 Bertrand Dumais
 Roswell Galvin
 Gerard Gaudette
 Herman Gaulin
 Rita Hissey
 David Johnson
 Scott Judkins
 Oscar Kreger
 Alice Lilly
 Bruce Pollock
 Joseph Prakop
 Harry Rowe
 William Rusine
 Arthur St. Jean

KENSINGTON

Gloria Lizotte

NEWFIELDS

Barbara Tebo

STRATHAM

Elizabeth Batchelder
 Peter Marsh

Joan Sewall

SUPERVISORY UNION NO. 16

Nancy Kucharski
 Mary Lewis

Shirley Rogers

Marian Gage
 Geraldine Gaudette
 Marilyn Gauthier
 Gwendolyn Goodrich
 Irma Guerrette
 Lorraine Harrison
 Doris Hayes
 Dorothy Hirst
 Martha Kreger
 Phoebe Kucharski
 Sylvia Landry
 Irene LeBlanc
 Mary Lord
 Florence Manning
 Annette Maxwell
 Brenda Rand
 Theresa Raymond
 Mary Standish
 Elaine Sullivan
 Margaret Vieira

Arthur Wiggin

Michael Kostandin

Dorothy Bragdon
 Leona Bunker

Helen Majkut
 Evelyn Orr

ANNUAL REPORT OF TEACHER CONSULTANT

By Frederick B. King

Since the last report of a year ago, much has been happening in our elementary schools. To follow up last year's report, I would like to say that, with Title I funds, we are now running a successful learning disability program. Our center is located behind the Main Street School on the ground floor of what was the convent. We have three highly trained specialists working with children who are experiencing learning problems in school. Thirty-six children were involved on a regular basis from Feb. 1973 until June of 1973 and another twenty were in a summer program which ran for six weeks in July and August. The program has concentrated on children in the primary grades. We are hoping to be able to continue the project in 1974-75.

Our numerous meetings and discussion of reading programs led us to the adoption of two new programs which primary children are using during this school year. Both programs have some very strong features and by capitalizing on the strengths of both we should produce better readers in our primary grades. The programs will be moving into the middle grades shortly.

Perhaps the most significant change in our elementary school program is the change to more emphasis on individual needs and the adoption of a "levels" approach in our reading and mathematics. This, of course, resulted in a new reporting system to parents. The levels approach allows for more variations in the instructional program. These affect what the student learns, how rapidly he learns, and how he goes about learning.

Much of the Fall has been spent in working with the staff in making changes which will result in more attention to the individual child, more careful planning of what is to be taught, and a more thorough job of assessing how well the student is grasping the skills taught. There is much yet to be done. At this writing only the primary grades have made the necessary transition to the "levels" approach.

I am convinced that, with our current Transition Program, Learning Disabilities Project, new reading program, and a better system of accounting for student learning, we are well on the road to fulfilling education's ultimate goal — that of helping each child to achieve his full potential. I feel this concentration of effort in the elementary years will pay us many future dividends by giving us a better prepared student with a more positive attitude in the secondary school.

One of the exciting things about working in education is that one is constantly seeking newer and better ways to reach more children. After twelve years in S. U. No. 16, I can say we have made many changes and yet I can see that there is much to do, much that can be improved, and I look to the day when I can honestly say we are doing the very best we can for every child who goes through the public schools of this community.

REPORT OF SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES
STRATHAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

To the Superintendent of Schools:

During the past year the School Health Services have provided vision and hearing screening for students. After thorough discussion with the school physician and the School Board, it was decided that physical examinations previously offered to Fourth Grade students will not be done in school this year. Lack of adequate space and facilities to do thorough examinations prompted this change in policy. Instead, reminders are being sent home to parents that, if their child has not had a recent physical, this might be a good time to have a checkup with the family doctor.

Perhaps the biggest advance for the Health Services over the past year has been the development of a formal Health Education Curriculum for elementary schools. As a result of meetings of the Union 16 Health Education Curriculum Committee, it was decided to initiate the Scott Foresman Health and Growth series in grades 1 through 6. This particular program emphasizes hygiene, dental care, nutrition, and safety, areas of importance to all elementary school children.

I would like to express thanks to those volunteers who have helped with the School Health Program in the past. I hope that I will have their continued support. I would like to express my appreciation to the School Board, Superintendent of Schools, Principal David Michaud, members of the staff, and Dr. John Tuthill, school pediatrician, for their help and cooperation this year.

Respectfully submitted,
Vinie M. Scammah, R.N.
January 10, 1974

SUPERVISORY UNION NO. 16
SCHOOL CALENDAR 1974-1975

			Sch. Days (Students)
Union Faculty Meeting	Tuesday	September	3
School Opens	Wednesday	September	4 (19)
No School,			
Teachers' Convention	Friday	October	11
Teacher Workshop*			
(*No Sch. for students)	Thursday	October	31 (21)
Teacher Workshop*			
(*No Sch. for students)	Friday	November	1
No School,			
Veteran's Day	Monday	November	11
Early Dismissal			
(1:00 p.m.)	Wednesday	November	27
No School,			
Thanksgiving	Thursday	November	28
No School	Friday	November	29 (17)
Closes, Christmas			
Recess (3:00 p.m.)	Friday	December	20 (15)
Opens	Thursday	January	2 (22)
Closes, Winter			
Recess (3:00 p.m.)	Friday	February	21 (15)
Opens	Monday	March	3 (21)
Closes, Spring			
Recess (3:00 p.m.)	Friday	April	25 (19)
Opens	Monday	May	5
No School,			
Memorial Day	Friday	May	30 (19)
Last Day of School	Friday	June	20 (12)
(if three snow days used - otherwise, final day will be June 17, 1975)			

High School Commencement - at completion of 180th School Day

Teaching Days	180
S.U. Meeting, Sept. 3	1
In-service, Oct. 31	1
In-service, Nov. 1	1
	183 Days

1st Quarter closes	November 8	10 weeks
2nd Quarter closes	January 24	10 weeks
3rd Quarter closes	April 4	9 weeks
4th Quarter closes	June 13	9 weeks

SUPERINTENDENT'S SALARY 1972-1973

Brentwood	\$ 997.90
East Kingston	836.40
Exeter	11,918.70
Kensington	1,011.50
Newfields	776.90
Stratham	1,458.60
State's Share	<u>3,500.00</u>
	\$20,500.00

TEACHER CONSULTANT'S SALARY 1972-1973

Brentwood	\$ 772.49
East Kingston	647.47
Exeter	9,226.48
Kensington	783.02
Newfields	601.41
Stratham	1,129.13
State's Share	<u>2,190.00</u>
	\$15,350.00

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S SALARY 1972-1973

Brentwood	\$ 699.12
East Kingston	585.97
Exeter	8,350.10
Kensington	708.65
Newfields	544.28
Stratham	1,021.88
State's Share	<u>2,190.00</u>
	\$14,100.00

VITAL STATISTICS

NEW CITIZENS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF STRATHAM, N.H. FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1973

Date of Birth	Name of Child	Sex	Place of Birth	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
Feb. 23	Eric Dale Wisner	M	Kittery	Kenneth Dale Wisner	Joanne Marie Marconi
Mar. 28	Brienne Louise Bourn	F	Exeter	Charles Anthony Bourn	Suzanne Louise Morton
Apr. 6	Nathan Charles Stuart Merrill	M	Exeter	John C. Merrill	Lorraine E. Stuart
Apr. 16	Christian Peter Houghton	M	Exeter	Ronald P. Houghton	Claudia J. Lusona
Apr. 25	Brian Richard Parnham	M	Portsmouth	Jack R. Parnham	Eileen M. Raymond
May 2	Jennifer Lynne McCoy	F	Exeter	Harold E. McCoy	Lois R. Batchelder
May 10	Shana Lee Corbin	F	Exeter	Brian D. Corbin	Carla A. Wilson
June 27	Sarah York Smith	F	Portsmouth	Larry Smith	Lucy Anne Hutton
Aug. 1	Brian James Meuse	M	Exeter	Stephen V. Meuse	Cheryl R. LeBlanc
Aug. 16	Stephen Michael Oleniak	M	Exeter	Donald Oleniak	Karlene H. Stone
Aug. 28	Aaron Gregory Brox	M	Exeter	George G. Brox	Charlane M. Coffey
Sept. 8	Kelly Ann Fowler	F	Exeter	Garry J. Fowler	Linda A. Castonguay
Sept. 30	Tyson Joseph Walsh	M	Portsmouth	Joseph R. Walsh	Jacquelyn Varney
Dec. 25	Brett Thomas Quintella	M	Portsmouth	Willie F. Quintella	Elizabeth R. Stadiq
Dec. 30	Derrick Roy Piche	M	Exeter	Dewey R. Piche	Alice J. Gaudet

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF STRATHAM, N.H. FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1973

Date	Name of Bride & Groom	State of Birth	Name of Parents	Name, Residence & Official Station by Whom Married
Jan. 13	Roger Nicol Williams	N.J.	Ralph B. Williams Edith Nichol	Rev. Charles P. Calcagni Pastor
	Pamela Newhall Coffin	Mass.	Lloyd H. Coffin, Jr. Martha Reynolds	Exeter, N.H.
Apr. 21	Guy Hoyt Mattson	Mass.	Russell Mattson Dorothy Hoyt	Rev. John N. Feaster Pastor
	Pamela Sue Daggett	N.H.	Frederick Daggett Phyllis Hill	Portsmouth, N.H.
May 1	Basil Sargent Dixwell	Mass.	Charles S. Dixwell Dorothy Ashley	Frank F. Richards Justice of Peace
	Rose Anna Vollinger	Mass.	Henry Vollinger Mary Brennan	Greenland, N.H.
June 7	Richard Alan Lang	N.H.	Walter R. Lang Theresa Vincent	Rev. Charles P. Calcagni Pastor
	Wendy Joy Manuel	Mass.	Warren E. Manuel Doris A. Weisner	Exeter, N.H.
June 16	Francis Richard Morse	N.H.	Unknown Mary Morse	Rev. Walter I. Thyng Pastor
	Priscilla A. Grant	N.H.	Kenneth H. Grant Myrtle Mason	Stratham, N.H.

June 23	Gary Malcolm Carlson	N.H.	Malcolm Carlson Eleanor Keller Richmond A. Bailey Doris C. Cooper Carlton Terry Mary McDonald John French Marion Caswell John Terravechia Louise Smith Raymond Chaisson ----- Bernard	Rev. Walter I. Thyng Pastor Stratham, N.H.
June 30	Jennifer Claire Bailey Wayne Arthur Terry Carol Ann French	Mass. N.H. N.H.		Rev. John N. Feaster Pastor Portsmouth, N.H.
July 28	Michael John Terravechia Denise Rachel Chaisson	Mass. N.H.		Rev. Walter I. Thyng Pastor Stratham, N.H.
Sept. 22	Peter Edwin Day Marilyn Wardman	Mass. N.H.	Rudolph E. Day Sr. Carolyn Nelson Braham Wardman Dorothy Cushman Armand Bourcier Suzanne Gosselin Robert Newcomb Albertine Wise	Rev. Charles Calcagni Pastor Exeter, N.H.
Sept. 29	Robert Richard Bourcier Elizabeth Lois Newcomb	Maine Mass.		Rev. Charles Calcagni Pastor Exeter, N.H.
Oct. 27	Ervin Fazekas Kathleen Ann Flynn	Hungary N.H.	Joseph Fazekas Anna Kovacs John W. Flynn Jr. Marilyn Berard	Rev. Paul W. Daneault Priest Exeter, N.H.

Nov. 3	William E. Parker	Conn.	Charles A. Parker Mildred Rankin George J. Hebert Eleanor Vautour Henry J. Stone Catherine McCarthy Wilbur Gardner Lois Wilson Ernest H. Futterrer Joan Reader Andrew Anderson Gwendolyn DeRochemont Charles Scamman Muriel Harris Roy W. Beers Doris Nielson DeLloyd Swoveland Betty Gene Kraner Russell H. Noffke Rachael Watkins	Rev. Roland P. Cote Pastor Exeter, N.H. Carleton Eldredge Justice of Peace Stratham, N.H. Rev. John Nelson Pastor Somersworth, N.H. Rev. George K. Evans U.C.C. Clergyman Columbia, Conn. Rev. Howard S. Danner, Jr. Pastor Hampton, N.H.
Nov. 9	Flora M. Hebert Daniel Gerald Stone Peggy Ann Gardner	Canada N.H. Mass.		
Nov. 10	Robert Alan Futterrer Laura Jane Anderson Ernest Wayne Wilson Judy Ann Beers William Ellis Swoveland Diane Elaine Noffke	Ariz. N.H. N.H. Conn. Ind. Ind.		
Nov. 24				
Dec. 29				

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF STRATHAM, N.H. FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1973

Date of Death	Name	Age	Sex	Birthplace	Name of Father	Name of Mother
Jan. 20	Alice Mabel Margeson	70	F	Conn.	Henry Foote	Emma Geoppler
Jan. 23	Arthur Cushman	87	M	Mass.	Frank H. Cushman	Emma F. Bartlett
Feb. 6	Lillian B. Stockbridge	74	F	Nova Scotia	Hector Jackson	Bessie Hutchins
May 11	Ralph N. Leavitt	70	M	N.H.	Johnathan Leavitt	Jennie Plaisted
June 10	Herbert S. Hammond	40	M	Pa.	Wm. R. Hammond	Irene Kern Hammond
July 9	Mabel Anita Walker	82	F	Nova Scotia	Charles Gould	Minnie Bastaple
Sept. 10	Earle R. Rumrill	73	M	N.H.	Charles Rumrill	Florence Cate
Sept. 10	Harry Louis Foote	79	M	Conn.	Henry Foote	Emma Goepple
Sept. 12	Everett Wyman Keen	54	M	Maine	Allen Keen	Nellie Staples
Oct. 13	Guy Warren Brewster	81	M	N.H.	George R. Brewster	Anna Wiggin
Nov. 18	William Camire	68	M	N.H.	Leon Camire	Josephine McMullen
Dec. 14	Stanley Carl Ware	71	M	Maine	Charles N. Ware	Alice A. Woodcock
Dec. 16	Nelson Palmer Lane	65	M	N.H.	Charles N. Lane	Lillian Chapman

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